

SHOW COMMENTS

- James E. Monroe, Executive Secretary

"Why in heck didn't the judges give this a gold seal?" "You mean that is a miniature?" "Why did they send this up?" "Look at this, it is undersize by about two inches."

Now that the show season is over it seems to me it is time to reflect a little on several subjects. First, let me say that by and large the shows were very good this year considering daylight saving time and the new judging system. When we stop to think that some 1,000 to 2,500 individual bloom must be tagged, judged, ribbons attached, tallied, placed on display, and top awards picked, all in about three to four hours, it is a miracle we get it done at all.

Let's first dispose of the daylight saving time gripe. There is only one way to compensate for the one hour difference in time. If this bugs you too much (it doesn't me) the show will have to be opened one hour later, or at one instead of twelve.

There are two schools of thought here too. In the first place I always thought the shows were being staged for the public, not ourselves, Now we must decide on the best way to get attendance. If we open
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at twelve perhaps we can get people coming from church to spend an hour at the show before going home to eat lunch, or seeing our display while the line at the cafeteria gets shorter. If they once get home from church it is hard to pry Pop away from the T. V. ball game. On the other hand maybe they would eat first, then stop by the show on the way home at one o'clock. Only the chapter can make this decision. Whichever way is chosen it should be clearly stated in the Seed Pod show ads so the exhibitors will know if they have an extra hour.

Suppose we still plan to open at twelve. the gripe seems to be that the bloom won't open fast enough. We had this same trouble before daylight saving time. Those who have to travel long distances have always been plagued his way. We all know that some varieties open faster than others. If an exhibitor will use his head a little and help the judges things will run smooth. If a slow opener is to be shown, it should be held back from the judges, BY THE EXHIBITOR, until it is open. Do not put bloom on the trays for judging unless or until they are open.

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